

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
WESTERN DIVISION**

RUSSELL JAMES HODGE,
Plaintiff,

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendant.

No. 08-CV-4072-DEO

ORDER

This matter is before the Court pursuant to the pro se pleadings filed by plaintiff Russell James Hodge, "First Amendment Petition" (Docket No. 1).

Based upon a review of the submitted pleading, the Court has determined that appointed counsel is appropriate in order that the plaintiff be adequately represented in this matter.

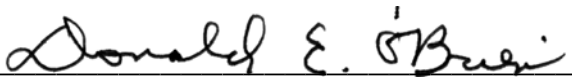
UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall appoint counsel to represent pro se plaintiff.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's newly appointed counsel shall have thirty (30) days from the date of his/her appointment to amend or supplement and brief plaintiff's pleading (Docket No. 1). If there will be no amendment or supplement and brief, plaintiff's counsel shall file a report setting that out.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant shall have

thirty (30) days from the date plaintiff's counsel files a supplemental pleading and brief, if any, within which to file a responsive pleading and brief.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 29th day of August, 2008.


Donald E. O'Brien, Senior Judge
United States District Court
Northern District of Iowa